

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**House Bill 3444**

BY DELEGATE PHILLIPS

[Passed March 6, 2023; in effect from passage.]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §4-13A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to adding the Cabinet Secretary of Economic Development, or a designee to the West  
3 Virginia Semiquincentennial Commission.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 13A. WEST VIRGINIA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND FUND.**

**§4-13A-2. Membership; terms; filling vacancies; election of chair and vice chair.**

1 (a) The Governor shall appoint 10 members as follows:

2 (1) Three academic historians;

3 (2) Five citizens members, no more than one of whom may be from any one state  
4 senatorial district;

5 (3) A member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution;

6 (4) A member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution;

7 (b) The following shall serve as ex-officio voting members;

8 (1) The State Superintendent of Schools, or a designee;

9 (2) The Cabinet Secretary of Commerce, or a designee;

10 (3) The Cabinet Secretary of Economic Development, or a designee;

11 (4) The Curator of the Department of Arts, Culture, and History, or a designee;

12 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Tourism, or a designee;

13 (6) The Executive Director of the Herbert Henderson Minority Affairs Office, or a designee;

14 (7) The West Virginia State Archivist;

15 (8) The Director of the West Virginia State Museums;

16 (9) One member of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
17 of Delegates, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member of the commission; and

18 (10) One member of the State Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate,  
19 who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member of the commission;

20           (11) Members of the United States Senate from the State of West Virginia, or their  
21 designees shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the commission;

22           (12) Members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of West  
23 Virginia, or their designees shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the commission;

24           (c) All appointed members shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor;

25           (d) Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be  
26 filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

27           (e) The curator of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History shall serve as  
28 the chair of the commission. The commission shall elect a vice chair and secretary from among  
29 its members.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect from passage.

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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Day of ....., 2023.

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*Governor*